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the specification of which:

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(X) was filed on February 22, 2002 as U.S. No. 10/080,921

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

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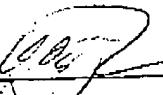
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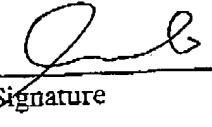
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